

Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Jun 12, 2001Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: N/A

Identification of prior art discussed:

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,176,703, 5,263,970, and 4,423,731Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

First, a brief history of the inventor's background was given. Next, applicant discussed the different types of wound closure devices, (e.g., one component, two component, three component, etc.) Next, applicant discussed how Preller, Peterson and Roomi differed from the instant invention. After discussing applicant's comments regarding the references, the examiner was convinced of the critical nature of attaching both the first and second elongated connectors to the second elongated connectors and the first elongated connectors, respectively.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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